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Title	:	GLIDING APPARATUS HAVING TWO SURFACES)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

French Patent Publication No. 2 581 322 (VEZON DAUNIS), published on November 7, 1986, is cited as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-4 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application, and as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 5, 6, and 11 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of FR '322 is cited as being pertinent.

French Patent Publication No. 2 427 832 (BOUVET), published on January 4, 1980, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-6 and 11 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of FR '832 is cited as being pertinent.

Swiss Patent Publication No. 362 634 (NICHOLS), granted on June 15, 1962, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-6 and 11 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of CH '634 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 3,343,847 (CHRISTY), issued on September 26, 1967, is cited as being pertinent for reasons mentioned in the background section of the specification of the instant application.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is attached. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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